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Tracy Taylor, P.E. State Engineer Nevada Division of Water Resources 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002 Carson City, Nevada 89701 State "S EXHIBIT 19

DATE: 7-15-08

Re: Recognition as Interested Person – Application Nos. 54022 – 54030, inclusive

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Pursuant to NAC §533.100, North Snake Valley Water Association (NSVWA) hereby requests recognition as an Interested Person with respect to Application Nos. 54022 – 54030, inclusive. Enclosed is \$225.00, a \$25.00 fee for each of nine applications as required by NAC §533.100.

Pursuant to NAC §533.100(2), NSVWA hereby sets forth the following grounds in support of a showing of extreme circumstances that prevented NSVWA from filing a protest to Application Nos. 54022 – 54030 in a timely manner:

- 1. NSVWA is an association of Snake Valley residents primarily from the northern end of Snake Valley.
- 2. NSVWA members are members of the larger community with historical, cultural, and socio-economic ties to Snake Valley. Our lives and communities are tied to the water which has historically been easy to obtain. The members have both irrigation and culinary water rights in north Snake Valley.
- 3. NSVWA was organized in 2005 when the proposal for groundwater removal from Snake Valley was brought to our attention by the Utah Department of Water Resources. Due to the potential severe impacts on our communities and lives which we have only learned about recently, we are requesting recognition as an Interested Person.

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- 8. SNWA Application Nos. 54022 54030 seek a quantity of water that would substantially impact the springs and stream flows upon which all Snake Valley residents and wildlife depend.
- 9. Absent recognition as an Interested Person pursuant to NAC §533.100, NSVWA will have no forum in which to present evidence on these potential impacts and their public policy ramifications.

Based on the grounds set forth above, request is respectfully made for recognition as an Interested Person in proceedings to be held on Application Nos. 54022 - 54030.

Sincerely,

Ken Hill, North Snake Valley Water Association

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